



Interval International honors MVCI for exceptional Service and Sales at the Marriott Ocean and Surf Clubs

During an informal but elegant gathering in the sales gallery of the Marriott Ocean Club, David Callaghan, vice president of resort sales and service for Interval International presented plaques awarding outstanding achievement to members of the executive staff of the Marriott Ocean and Surf Clubs. This is not the first time for the resort to be recognized with this prestigious award of the timeshare industry, not only for being in the top twenty-five in sales amongst 2000 resorts in over seventy-five countries, but for also providing an exceptional vacation experience for their patrons.

"These awards reinforce Marriott's position as a leader in the vacation ownership industry and recognize the exceptional quality and service provided to owners and guests at its Aruba resorts," said Callaghan. "Interval is proud to have these premier properties as part of its global exchange network." During the presentation on Thursday afternoon, June 20, Mr. Callaghan also commented on the quality of the vacation experience at the Marriott in Aruba as exceptional not only for the island but also anywhere in the world. "I want to take a moment to recognize the Aruba people, and the long-stand commitment of the Aruban government in validating and supporting the vacation ownership industry," stated Mr. Callaghan. "We believe that Aruba has been very good to our business, and we hope that the Aruba people feel that the timeshare business has been good to Aruba."

Executives of Interval International, a division of IAC/InterActiveCorp, which operates such companies as Ask.com, Citysearch and TicketMaster then proceeded to present two Superior Service Awards, one each to the Marriott Ocean and Surf Club. He also presented to the General Manager of the Ocean and Surf Clubs, Flor van der Vaart, the most prestigious award in vacation ownership industry, the Interval International Five Star Award® for "exemplifying excellence in all aspects of their operations." This award is the most prestigious distinction in our industry," expressed Mr. Callaghan, "and as such it is appropriate that we should be bestowing it on two of the finest timeshare resorts anywhere in the world."

Noanni Cham, Director of Sales for MVCI was also called to the dais to accept the Chairman's Club Award, which recognizes the "top selling vacation ownership companies *in the world* for significant contributions to new member enrollments with Interval International." Ms. Cham took a moment to acknowledge her sales team for the contribution of their excellent performance. Project Director for MVCI Andy Harris commented that his reporting team of directors were not only all Aruban, but also women as well, a fact that he found highly commendable. Steve Weisz, president of the MVCI said, "We are very pleased to receive these awards because they acknowledge the tremendous efforts of our operations team in addition to an outstanding sales and marketing team in Aruba."

"Aruba has been home to some of the very first purposeful timeshare resorts in the world," continued Mr. Callaghan, "and today represents a global leader in attracting investment and development resulting in very fine properties such as the one we are standing in today." In acknowledgement of Aruba's position as one of the most popular destinations in the Caribbean for the nearly two million Interval Ownership members, he then presented a special award of recognition to Aruba, which was accepted on behalf of the Aruban people by the Minister of Tourism and Transport, the Honorable Edison Brieson.

"I wish to thank the Marriott resorts in assisting Aruba and the vision of its government and the Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) in making Aruba a second home to its visitors; to fulfill their dreams and inspire happiness." responded Minister Brieson upon receiving the award. "Aruba has achieved excellence through the love and dedication of all its people, including yourselves (MVCI employees.)"

Mr. Callaghan concluded his remarks with the statement that "The reality is, in the hospitality business you can spend tens of millions of dollars on spectacular resorts such as this (The Marriott Ocean Club.) However, at the end of the day, nothing guarantees a favorable vacation experience for your guests than having staff members dedicated to providing the highest possible vacation experience. I want to congratulate each and everyone of you here at the Marriott timeshare resorts."